



## H.CON.RES. 296 – EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF AUGUST 2008 AS "NATIONAL HEAT STROKE AWARENESS MONTH" TO RAISE AWARENESS AND ENCOURAGE PREVENTION OF HEAT STROKE

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### FLOOR SITUATION

H.Con.Res. 296 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative John Boozman (R-AR) on February 13, 2008. The resolution was referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, but was never considered.

H.Con.Res. 296 is expected to be considered on the floor of the House on July 30, 2008.

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### SUMMARY

H.Con.Res. 296 resolves that it is the sense of Congress that:

- National Heat Stroke Awareness Month provides an opportunity to educate the people of the United States about heat stroke;
- All Americans should applaud the Kendrick Fincher Memorial Foundation for its efforts in promoting awareness about heat stroke; and
- Policymakers, parents, coaches, student athletes, not-for-profit organizations, and other members of the community should work to increase awareness and prevention of heat stroke.

Additionally, Congress urges national and community organizations, businesses in the private sector, and the media, through National Heat Stroke Awareness Month to promote the awareness of heat stroke.

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### BACKGROUND

According to the Mayo Clinic, heat stroke is the most severe of heat related health problems. Heat stroke causes the normal temperature controls of the body, such as sweating, to shut down. These functional shut downs can lead to a range of health impacts, varying from confusion to coma.

Heat stroke is often the result of exercise and heavy work in hot environments combined with inadequate fluid intake. Possible symptoms of heat stroke include rapid heartbeat, cessation of sweating, headache, and confusion. Those most at risk for heat stroke are young children, older people, those suffering from obesity, and those who have an inability to produce sweat.

[Mayo Clinic – Heat Stroke](#)

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